

Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I get my COVID-19 vaccine?

The Florida Department of Health in Okeechobee County is working diligently to vaccinate as many people as possible. To sign up for a vaccine appointment go to <https://myvaccine.fl.gov/> or call 1(866)201-1060 to register for an appointment. Please check with your doctor to see if they are providing the vaccine, new providers are being added when vaccine is available.

I heard Publix will be offering the COVID-19 vaccine. How do I sign up for a vaccine at Publix?

The COVID-19 vaccine will be available at Publix stores for those 65 and older. Vaccination appointments are scheduled online only and fill quickly. Appointments cannot be made by calling Publix or Publix pharmacy. To sign up, click [HERE](https://www.publix.com/covid-vaccine/florida) (<https://www.publix.com/covid-vaccine/florida>)

I am 64 but have high risk factors for the virus. My doctor wrote a note stating my risks. Will I be able to get the vaccine?

Florida Department of Health is required to follow the [Governor's Executive Order](#). Only hospital providers can vaccinate those who are vulnerable but under the age of 65.

"During this first phase of vaccine administration, all providers administering any COVID- 19 vaccine shall only vaccinate the following populations:

- *Long-term care facility residents and staff;*
- *Persons 65 years of age and older; and*
- *Health care personnel with direct patient contact.*

Hospital providers, however, also may vaccinate persons who they deem to be extremely vulnerable to COVID-19."

Do I have to be a Florida resident?

YES. A recent [Public Health Advisory](#) requires the you verify that you are a Florida resident to get your vaccine here. Seasonal residents are eligible but must provide [documentation](#) to verify their status.

What is required to prove I am a Florida resident?

If you have a valid Florida Driver's License or identification card - you are considered a resident.

If your ID is from **out of state**, you will need to provide [documents](#) to **verify that you are a seasonal** resident. An adult seasonal resident who cannot meet the requirements of subparagraph 1. may provide the department with a copy of **two (2)** of the following that show proof of residential address:

- a. A deed, mortgage, monthly mortgage statement, mortgage payment booklet or residential rental or lease agreement.
- b. One proof of residential address from the seasonal resident's parent, step-parent, legal guardian or other person with whom the seasonal resident resides and a statement from the person with whom the seasonal resident resides stating that the seasonal resident does reside with him or her.
- c. A utility hookup or work order dated within 60 days before.
- d. A utility bill, not more than 2 months old.
- e. Mail from a financial institution, including checking, savings, or investment account statements, not more than 2 months old.
- f. Mail from a federal, state, county, or municipal government agency, not more than 2 months old.
- g. Any other documentation that provides proof of residential address as determined by department rule.

Will I have to wait outside or inside?

It depends on the event. Some are drive through and others are walk up. Details are included in the publications of the events so you will know what to expect. We do our best to get people in the shade to reduce the impact of heat and humidity.

Who is administering the vaccine/running the program?

Vaccination events are a collaborative effort by the Florida Department of Health in Okeechobee County and partners such as city and county governments, local law enforcement, Okeechobee Fire Rescue, and many other volunteers.

I cannot stand or wait in line because of _____. How can I get vaccinated?

Mass vaccination clinics may not be the best option for you, depending upon your circumstances. We encourage you to contact your primary care doctor to see if they are providing the vaccine or reach out to another local facility that may be better equipped to serve you.

What type of identification is accepted?

Government issued picture Identification that shows your date of birth, such as a Driver's license, legal ID, or passport.

I am a healthcare provider, what do I need to bring with me to get a vaccine?

Healthcare providers with direct patient contact are eligible to receive the vaccine. Verifying information could include an employment badge or ID, medical license/certificate, or other related proof.

Where do I get the consent form?

A signed consent form is required to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. Keep the lines short by printing and completing your form at home. Link to forms are on the previous page. If you do not have a printer at home, a copy of the forms will be available for you to complete at the site or you can get them at the Okeechobee County Library.

Which vaccine will I receive?

Okeechobee County is providing the Moderna vaccine. It is expected that most of the time, the vaccine you will receive is Moderna.

How will I know when to get my second dose?

It is the Florida Department of Health in Okeechobee County's plan to call for the second dose appointments if you received your first dose at an Okeechobee-CHD event or received your first dose at DOH-Okeechobee, when the vaccine for the second dose arrives at the health department.

What if I can't get my 2nd dose on the exact date?

We are doing our best to vaccinate everyone within the time frame parameters laid out by the CDC. The [CDC](#) recommends that persons age 18 years and older should receive 2 doses at least 28 days apart for Moderna.

- Second doses administered up to 4 days before the recommended date are considered valid.
- There is no maximum interval between the first and second dose.

You are not limited to using our services for your second dose. If your schedule doesn't work with our clinics, you may wish to reach out to other local providers.

Can my appointment time be changed?

Appointment times are in high demand and cannot be changed. If you cannot make your appointment, please call (863)462-5800 to cancel.

Will there be a problem if we get there early for our appointment?

If the lines are long, you may need to wait until your appointed time. We encourage you to arrive at your scheduled time. If you have an appointment, you will receive a vaccine and arriving early just means you will wait longer.